

TRAGIC SIDE OF CHRISTMAS DAY

Dispatches From all Over the Country Tell of Serious Accidents.

PISTOLS, FIRES AND SUICIDES

Many Lose Lives by Burning, While Others Drown While Skating—A Few Are Shot While Intoxicated and Some Commit Suicide.

CHICAGO, ILL., December 26.—The tragic side of Christmas Day is revealed in dispatches received from all parts of the country, narrating the following:

Henry Brinker, forty-four years old, Cincinnati, O., was shot and fatally wounded by step-son, Henry Stiebel, sixteen years old, resident with which shooting was done being brought with mother's aid from mother's Christmas present.

Miss Tanya R. Freeman, Atlanta, Ga., died from wound received while firing blank cartridges in celebrating Christmas.

Karl Kruger, ten years old, Trenton, N. J., drowned in creek while trying to play with Christmas skates. Father risks life in diving for son, to no avail.

Mr. Mary Smith, sixty-six years old, New York, N. Y., hanged to death while smoking her "Christmas pipe," which was lit with gas from a gas stove.

Mrs. Susan Kelley, New York, N. Y., hanged to death when her dress caught fire from a Christmas candle. Fire destroyed her apartment. Husband barely escapes with life.

Burns Santa Claus.

Miss Ella Seidlow, Milwaukee, Wis., suffered fatal burns by the fall of a long Santa Claus coat, covered with cotton batting, which she was wearing; died in terrible agony.

Frank Caldwell Watson, Michigan, drowned while trying to rescue companion who had broken through ice while skating; companion saved.

Earl Melner, Greenville, Ill., drowned while trying Christmas skates on pond near home.

Carson Stanley, seven years old, Grayville, Ill., drowned while trying Christmas skates on pond near home.

Henry Hark, Columbia, O., shot and killed by his brother, E. J. Hark, who, under influence of Christmas intoxicants, became violently and attacks comatose.

Miss Otto Tegelsky, New York, N. Y., shot and killed by her brother, Otto Tegelsky, husband of same, committed suicide, following murder of wife.

Drowned in Cistern.

Miss Beale Hill, thirty-three years old, resident at Presbyterian Church, Huntington, N. Y., committed suicide by drowning herself in cistern near home after attempt to cut throat with meat cleaver. Had been suffering with nervous trouble, brought on by jealousy of rival in school during rehearsals for Christmas cantata.

John McKenney, Middle, Ala., found murdered in street early Christmas, with throat cut from ear to ear.

Mrs. Lillian O'Rourke, aged twenty-four years, Richmond, Ill., shot and killed by husband, who was twenty-eight years old, husband of same, kills self after murder of wife.

Peder Melin, contractor, Minneapolis, Minn., dependent on death of wife, a severe case, crushes himself to death with rope tied to trunk of tree in woods. Was worth \$5,000.

Thomas Gartin, sixty-two years old, Philadelphia, Pa., drops dead of heart disease, while handling wife Christmas present, and wishing her merry Christmas.

The Rev. T. K. Crowley, Denison, Tex., drops dead while putting on vestments to celebrate Christmas mass.

Mrs. Mary Elsie Halford, Los Angeles, Cal., fifty-five years old, committed suicide by drowning in lake Christmas Eve. Mrs. Halford, San Francisco, daughter of five children, the oldest of whom is seventy-four; fifteen grandchildren, twenty-nine great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren, all but two of whom live in St. Louis.

Nancy Hawkins was born in Fairfax county, Va., and was brought to Missouri by her master when she was eighteen years of age.

CHRISTMAS TEAR DRIVES TO SUICIDE

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

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NEGRO BARTENDER DIES ACCUSING WHITE MAN

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CHRISTMAS DINNER PROVES FATAL TO HIM

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WILLIAMSBURG, VA., December 26.—Mr. R. P. Wright, a prominent citizen of James City county, dropped dead at his home near York yesterday immediately after eating his Christmas dinner. Mr. Wright was about fifty-five years of age, and is survived by his wife and several children.

LIFE LINGERS IN BODY BAKED FROM HEAD TO FOOT

Trusty, Escaping for Christmas Visit, Is Terribly Burned.

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DANVILLE, VA., December 26.—Jim Moss, a negro, who was serving a six-months' sentence in jail for stealing a cow, lies at the hospital here at the point of death, suffering from a most peculiar and frightful accident. Moss was a trusty, and had served half of his time. Today he slipped away to pay a Christmas visit to his family on the outskirts of the city. While free he got very drunk and went to sleep in an old field. In some unaccountable manner the dry grass and straw caught fire. The sleeping negro was roasted from his head to feet, every particle of clothing was burned away from his body, through parts of which the very bones were showing. Moss never made an outcry, and when discovered his body was in a blaze. He was picked up as dead, and after several hours showed signs of consciousness. The body presents a horrible spectacle, and how the man still lives is the wonderment of the physicians.

BRAKEMAN DIES ON FIRST TRIP

Peter McCarthy Was Employed in Richmond Until Christmas.

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DANVILLE, VA., December 26.—Peter McCarthy, who on last Monday started in at work as a brakeman for the Southern Railway, met a frightful death this afternoon in the railway yards here by being crushed to death between two cars. He was working together. McCarthy was a harness-maker by trade, and was born and raised in Danville, where he was known by many people. For years he was in the employ of C. O. Street & Co., but for the past several years has been employed with the Cottrell Saddlery, of Richmond. He came home on a Christmas visit, and while here he was employed with the same company, and after being seriously injured in a big wreck, said that he was done forever with railroading. McCarthy was twenty-eight years of age, and is survived by six brothers, two of whom are tobaccoists in Lynchburg, and two well-known farmers of the county.

MAN AND WOMAN COMMIT SUICIDE

Drink Carbolic Acid While Under Guard in Jail.

ELMHURST, N. Y., December 26.—Although a guard was standing close beside him to-night, Frank Delaney, a railroad man, succeeded in a bold attempt to end his life and the life of a woman who occupied a cell in the woman's dormitory of the Elmhurst county jail. The woman was Beale Wells, awaiting sentence on January 31 for abducting a young girl and harboring her for immoral purposes. Delaney possessed a power of attorney for the woman, and when he called at the jail and stated that he wished to consult her regarding the signing of important papers, there was no objection on the part of the warden, who sent a guard along with him. The guard stood close by the man and woman, who were conferring together, when suddenly Delaney drew from his pocket a bottle of carbolic acid and passed it through the bars. The woman seized it and swallowed the contents. Immediately Delaney pressed a second bottle to his own lips. The guard sprang upon him, but the man fought him fiercely for a moment, and then collapsed. He died before a physician could be called.

AGED NEGRESS DIES CLAIMING 125 YEARS

ST. LOUIS, MO., December 26.—Nancy Hawkins, a colored woman, who asserted that she was 125 years old, died Friday at No. 302 North Sarah Street, the home of her daughter, Mary Smith, who gives her age as seventy-four. She survived by five children, the oldest of whom is seventy-four; fifteen grandchildren, twenty-nine great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren, all but two of whom live in St. Louis.

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ELECTRIC LIGHT AND PUMP PLANT

Council Will be Asked to Provide \$340,000 for One at Pump-House

PROJECT WILL BE RECOMMENDED

Issue of Bonds Likely to be Asked to Raise Funds Necessary to Construct Dual Plant on Site of Old Pumping Station.

The indications are that the city of Richmond will soon provide for the construction of a municipal electric light and pumping station on the site of the old Pump-house, owned by the city. It is understood that an issue of bonds to the amount of \$340,000 for this purpose will be recommended to the Council at its January meeting. This sum is the estimate which Mr. E. W. Trafford, a well-known electrical engineer of this city, made of the total cost of constructing and equipping a plant sufficient to supply the city's pumping needs for many years, in conjunction with the water-power pump now in use, and providing so are electric lights.

When the Council Committee on Water visited the existing Pump-house and Pumping station, Mr. Charles E. Bell, Superintendent of the Water-Works, pointed out the desirability of such a supplementary pumping station. He stated that the situation was such that it was only a question whether the city would establish a great steam pump or construct an electric power pumping station, which could be utilized in conjunction with a municipal electric lighting plant.

The electric pumping station will serve the double purpose of providing current with which to light the streets of the city by night and pumping water into the reservoir during the day.

Plan Long Considered.

The plan has been before Council committees for some time, but the members have not been able to reach a decision. It is now recommended to the Council that it be recommended to the Board of Public Works and Finance to consider the project with earnestness and to report to the Council at its next meeting. It is also suggested that the members of the Board of Public Works and Finance be authorized to make a preliminary estimate of the cost of the plant, and to report to the Council at its next meeting.

The great value of the electric lighting plant to the city, it is urged, is that it will be a municipal independent of commercial plants illuminating its streets, and will effect a saving in the annual expense now incurred therefor.

It is recently made apparent by the Council on Light, that the construction of a municipal plant was practically a certainty, when that committee renewed its contract with the Passenger and Power Company for a period of only one year, with the privilege of two, at a higher rate than could have been secured on a five-year contract. At that time an effort was made to commit the members of this committee to the electric plant project, but objection being made the resolution proposed was withdrawn.

However, almost every member expressed himself in favor of the plan. About a month ago the matter was brought to the attention of the Committee on Finance and has been considered by that body. No official announcement of its action or of its probable report and award that the appropriation named, \$340,000, will be asked for the purpose and that the bonds will be provided by an issue of bonds.

KILLS MAN WHO WAS HUNTING HIM

Policeman Tom Lawson, of Norton, Shoots Down Dollarhyde to Save Own Life.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NORTON, VA., December 26.—Policeman Tom Lawson, of Norton, shot and killed John Dollarhyde, a carpenter, of Norton, who had been hunting him for some time. Lawson had some trouble over an arrest a few days ago. Dollarhyde came into town with a revolver, and Lawson, who was on duty, shot him down. Dollarhyde was carrying a large sum of money, and Lawson was afraid he would be killed.

MRS. HERBEN SHOT BY TOY XMAS RIFLE

CHICAGO, ILL., December 26.—Mrs. Stephen J. Herben, wife of the editor of the Epworth Herald, and his nephew, Evanston Hospital yesterday evening, suffering from a bullet wound, was improved today, and no serious results are anticipated.

PEOPLE WROUGHT UP OVER ENFORCED MARRIAGE

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

BOYDTON, VA., December 26.—The trial of R. E. Chandler and his nephew, Robert Chandler, for kidnapping Richard Klamm and forcing him to marry Miss Beale Wells, continued today. The trial will come up before Justice Wood at Clarksville Friday. Both the families of Chandler and Klamm are terribly wrought up over the affair, and stirring scenes are expected when the case comes up on the day of the hearing.

SCHOOLS TO ASK FOR MORE MONEY

Increased Pay-Roll and Building Expenses Demand it.

NEW BUILDING TO BE ERECTED

Salaries Alone Will Call for \$16,000 Over Last Year's Appropriation—Fight Will Be Made to Secure Marshall House for Library.

Clerk C. P. Walcott and the members of the board of school trustees are working on estimates of the appropriation which will be asked in the annual budget for the maintenance and betterment of the public school system. The matter has become a complicated problem now, inasmuch as under the terms of extension of the corporate limits, the revenue derived from the new territory must be expended therefor, and, in addition, the city must expend a stipulated sum annually. It is conceded, of course, that a much larger sum will be needed for the maintenance of the schools, since the number has been greatly increased.

Material Increase.

Last year the school trustees asked the Council for nearly \$250,000 for all purposes, including a new building for the Valley School, but the Council appropriated only about \$160,000, or a little less, of this sum \$15,000 was necessary to meet the annual pay-roll of principals, teachers, janitors and other employees, while \$15,000 more went to special repairs and improvements to the plant. The sum of \$16,000 was set apart for the manual training and kindergarten work, and \$12,000 more for general expenses.

All these items must be materially increased this year. At a conservative estimate, the item of pay-roll alone will be increased by over \$16,000, or ten per cent. of last year's appropriation.

Special repairs and improvements will demand much more than the sum credited to that account last year, and it is likely that the Board will again ask for sufficient money to construct a new building for the Valley School. Extensive repairs and expenditures will be necessary in the county schoolhouses recently acquired by the city to make them habitable and so comfortable as the other city schools. Heating plants will probably have to be put in and other changes made. The item of general expense will be materially increased also, and it is likely that the manual training and kindergarten work will be introduced in the new incorporated city schools.

Still After Marshall House.

It is altogether probable that the school trustees will endeavor to persuade the Council from adopting the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the John Marshall home be delivered to the custody of the Bar Association. The property is badly needed as a school library, and offices for school officials, and until recently it had been expected that the historic old mansion would be purchased for this purpose.

It is pointed out that the joint resolution of the Council appropriating \$4,000 out of the proceeds of a \$2,000 bond sale for the new high school building, authorized by ordinance approved April 17, 1906, that said sum should be placed to the credit of an account to be known as "Site for New High School Building," and to be drawn upon by order of the Board of Education in the proceeding of the city of Richmond, vs. the Jefferson Club and others.

At that time it was contemplated that the Marshall house was to be acquired by purchase, whereas, now it is to be purchased under an option.

Whether it was the intent of the Council in the joint resolution appropriating money for the purchase of this property, to provide that all property bought therewith should be a part of the High School plant cannot be determined just yet. The school authorities understood and construed the resolution.

TRAIN KILLS SANTA CLAUS INSTANTLY

Prominent North Carolina Man Meets Tragic Death While Impersonating Christmas Saint.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

RALEIGH, N. C., December 26.—While dressed in typical Santa Claus costume and driving about the country in an oak cart, greatly to the amusement of children of the section, John Lawrence was struck and instantly killed near Newhall's Christmas Day, by a Seaboard passenger train. Mr. Lawrence left his cart, and was running to the depot to meet the incoming train. He ran squarely against the engine as the train was steaming into the station. The witnesses say his body was hurled more than a hundred feet by the impact. Lawrence was highly esteemed. His wife has been dead several years, but he leaves three children.

TRACES OF POISON IN ROSE VZRAL'S BODY

CHICAGO, December 26.—Traces of poison have been found in the body of another member of the Venzal family, and the police believe that they have secured additional evidence against Heyman Bales, who is now in custody in connection with the deaths of three members of the family. The analysis completed today was that of the body of Rose Venzal, eighteen years of age. Evidence of poison has now been found in all the bodies that have been analyzed.

WASHINGTON BELLE WILL MARRY AGAIN



MRS. MARTHA HICHBORN BLAINE, Daughter of Rear-Admiral and Mrs. Philip H. Hichborn.

Beautiful Washington Girl to Become Bride of Lieutenant Paul S. Pearsall.

WASHINGTON, December 26.—Mrs. Martha Hichborn Blaine, one of Washington's most celebrated beauties, is again to be a bride. She will marry Lieutenant Paul S. Pearsall, formerly of the Rough Riders and a millionaire.

Mrs. Blaine returned from South Dakota last night, and went at once to her parents' home in N. Street, where she will remain. Lieutenant Pearsall is also in Washington and is a guest at the Crawford.

The engagement of Mrs. Blaine and Lieutenant Pearsall has long been discussed by Mrs. Blaine's intimate friends and by a public which has not known Mrs. Blaine personally, but rather through her remarkable bellefête in Washington. There is probably no woman outside the highest official circles in whom the public is as much interested as in the former Martha Hichborn, and the news of her engagement to Lieutenant Pearsall is of vast interest.

No date has been set for the wedding, and it had been the intention of Mrs. Blaine and her family not to announce her engagement so soon after the news of her divorce had been received, but it was too interesting for Mrs. Blaine's friends to keep, and so what might be termed an "open secret" is now confirmed.

LYNCHERS ARE BREAKING JAIL CHINAMAN IS NOW CHURCH MEMBER

Will Hang Tramp Who Murdered a Well-to-Do Farmer of Los Animas.

LOS ANIMAS, CAL., December 26.—A mob is now at work battering down the walls of the jail here for the purpose of lynching Lawrence Leberg, a tramp, who yesterday murdered Henry Lavenmeyer, a farmer, near this place.

Lightning from a Santa Fe freight train yesterday afternoon at Robinson Station, Leberg crossed the river and leaped a meal from a farmer named Purvis. Leberg demanded lodging, but was refused because of his abusive language. Leberg set fire to a haystack belonging to Henry Lavenmeyer, probably thinking that it was the property of Purvis.

The fire attracted Lavenmeyer, who took Leberg into custody, allowing him to ride behind him on his horse. When Lavenmeyer dismounted to open a gate, Leberg struck him repeatedly on the head with a hammer which he found tied to Lavenmeyer's saddle. Leberg then cut Lavenmeyer's throat and attempted to scalp him. The burning haystack attracted neighbors, who found the mutilated body.

Boasted of Crime.

Leberg was caught riding Lavenmeyer's horse. He submitted to arrest, and boasted of his crime, saying he had drunk the blood of his victim.

Leberg was brought here and placed in jail. At noon today Sheriff Brown started for Pueblo with his prisoner, but was met by 25 persons, who protested against Leberg's removal, and he was again placed in jail. To-night a mob set about the work of vengeance. Soon after dark several hundred men and boys appeared at the jail, but were refused admittance. Almost immediately they began the attack on the jail.

FOUR ARE DEAD FROM INHALING GAS

NIAGARA FALLS, ONT., December 26.—James Harris, his wife, thirteen-year-old son and three-year-old daughter, are dead from inhaling gas which escaped from a stove in their home here tonight. Another daughter is in a precarious condition.

TWO MEN KILLED BY USUAL "BOMB"

KHARKOV, RUSSIA, December 26.—An unknown traveler dropped a bomb in the railway station here this evening, on alighting from a train. Two persons were killed and many wounded by the explosion. The station is now surrounded by soldiers.

GOV. VARDAMAN OFF FOR SCOOBA

Left Capital in a Special Train With 25 Members of the Militia.

INVESTIGATION TO BE MADE ON SPOT

Four Negroes Killed Yesterday. All Quiet Now at Scooba and Wahalak—Reports from Say Affair Has Been Greatly Exaggerated.

JACKSON, MISS., December 26.—Governor Vardaman and several members of his staff left for Scooba, Miss., this evening at 6 o'clock on a special train. He carried with him about twenty-five members of the Capital City Guards, under command of Captain Albert Fairley. Adjutant-General Pringle preceded him about three hours, going on the regular train to Meridian, Miss., where he will secure a special train, which will carry the Governor and militia direct to Scooba. The Governor says there has been no fresh outbreak at Scooba, but that it has been impossible for him to get any definite news from there, and he has gone over to make a personal investigation and relieve the strain on Colonel McCant's soldiers with fresh troops.

Four Killed.

SCOOBA, MISS., December 26.—Late yesterday indefinite reports reached this town that four negroes had been pursued by a posse and killed five miles east of here. It was also reported that the negroes in an armed mob, and trouble was in a state of unrest, and trouble was feared. A telegram was sent to Governor Vardaman at Jackson, asking that troops be forwarded here from Meridian. The Governor ordered out a company of militia, and the soldiers arrived here early today. The trouble, however, was no trouble existed in Scooba, and they are now walking about the little town chatting with the citizens.

The reported killing of four negroes yesterday, which cannot be verified, was a direct outgrowth of the recent trouble at Wahalak.

Advices from Wahalak state that excitement there has subsided, and business is being carried on as usual.

Control Situation.

MEMPHIS, TENN., December 26.—Advices received from Scooba and Wahalak, Miss., where race rioting and the presence of troops, say that quiet prevails at both towns as well as throughout the surrounding territory, and that the troops and officers have control of the situation.

According to the most trustworthy reports, the disturbance of the last few days in Kemper county, was not as serious as first reported. The trouble is attributed to the actions of a reckless mob, which, in searching for a negro who attacked Conductor Moore aboard a Mobile and Ohio train last Sunday and killed Constable O'Brien, of Wahalak, killed three negroes and wounded several others.

Strong against the negroes was intensified by the killing by negroes of Conductor R. N. Harrison, of the Mobile and Ohio Railroad at Crawford, on Monday night, and believing that the mob was beyond control, Deputy Assistant, at Scooba, asked that State troops be sent there. Two companies of State troops are now enamped at Scooba.

Late this evening, Governor Vardaman, accompanied by twenty-five members of the company of State militia stationed at Scooba, left for Scooba.

Governor Vardaman stated that there had been no further outbreak, but that it was going to make a personal investigation.

Negroes Afraid.

SCOOBA, MISS., December 26.—An Associated Press representative, who arrived in Scooba tonight, found the streets crowded with negroes, who had gathered from miles around. They were highly excited, but there was nothing threatening in their demeanor. According to their statements, many of them fled to town through fear that a lynch mob would be done there if they remained in the country.

With companies of militia patrolling the streets there seemed to be little apprehension among either whites or negroes. Many of the people in the town are lending the troops their heartfelt co-operation in enforcing order. Among those who the opinion is freely expressed that the entire trouble was caused by a mob, and that it should have been avoided.

The difficulty which aroused both race in Scooba and vicinity, occurred three miles northeast yesterday and last night. Accurate information about this trouble is not available, but it is known that at least five negroes lost their lives. There are several others reported killed, but these reports lack confirmation.

Troops have spent the day in town, the surrounding country, and said that no trouble was made.

MAN WOUNDED BY BOMB: THREE SUSPECTS ARRESTED

BARCELONA, December 26.—A bomb exploded today in the Rambla, one of the principal thoroughfares of this city. One man was wounded. Three anarchists have been arrested in connection with the affair.

BAKER MEETS AWFUL DEATH IN DOUGH MIXER

COLUMBUS, OHIO, December 26.—Falling into a sponge mixer full of dough at the Bliss bakery today, H. E. Van Kirk, a baker, was whirled round and round until every bone in his body was crushed. When the machine was stopped he was taken out dead.

SHAH OF PERSIA'S DEATH EXPECTED WITHIN AN HOUR

TEHRAN, December 26, 2:30 A. M.—The condition of the Shah has taken a sharp turn for the worse, and his death is expected from hour to hour.